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1. EVENING JANUARY 28 COURT CHIEF SHARAF ASKED TO
SPEAK WITH ME. HE SAID KING HAD ASKED HIM TO
CONVEY A MESSAGE TO ME WHILE MR. ATHERTON AND
AMBASSADOR WEST WERE STILL HERE. THE KING HAD
EARLIER TOLD ATHERTON OF HIS DISAPPOINTMENT IN
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RECENT FINANCIAL NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE SAUDIS THAT HAD LED
NOWHERE. KING SAID THAT SAUDIS WERE "DISCOURTEOUS"
TO JORDANIAN DELEGATION.

2. SHARAF SAID KING HAD NOT BEEN FULLY INFORMED AND
THAT SAUDIS WERE NOT DISCOURTEOUS. WHEN KING HAD
RECEIVED FULL INFORMATION HE WANTED TO MAKE

SURE WE UNDERSTOOD THAT HE HAD MADE A MISTAKE. SHARAF ADDED THAT EVEN IF THE SAUDIS WANTED TO "DO YOU IN" THEY WOULD NOT BE DISCOURTEOUS ABOUT IT.

3. CONVERSATION GAVE ME A USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO DO SEVERAL THINGS. FIRST, I POINTED OUT TO SHARAF THAT AMBASSADOR WEST FELT THAT SITUATION COULD NOT BE RESOLVED SHORT OF KING'S GOING TO SENIOR SAUDI LEADERS, MAKING CLEAR THAT HE COULD NOT PAY THE DEBT, AND ASKING THE SAUDIS TO DO SO. SHARAF THOUGHT THIS WAS A SIGNIFICANT POINT AND ASKED ME TO PASS IT ALONG TO THE KING DIRECTLY. I WILL DO SO NEXT TIME I SEE HIM. IN ADDITION, I WAS ABLE TO MAKE THE CENTRAL POINTS OF PARAGRAPH 4 IN REFTTEL A). SHARAF ALSO APPEARS TO AGREE WITH ME THAT THREATS WILL NOT MOVE THE SAUDIS. IN OUR DISCUSSION WITH KING AND SHARAF EARLIER IN THE DAY, I WAS ABLE TO MAKE CLEAR THAT JORDAN MIGHT NOT BE COMPLETELY BLAMELESS FOR SAUDI BEHAVIOR AND ALLUDED AGAIN TO THE DOLS 140 MILLION CHECK AFFAIR AS A POSSIBLE CAUSE FOR SAUDI DISPLEASURE.

4. SHARAF SAID THAT HE FELT JORDAN UNDERSTOOD OUR POINT ABOUT THREATS. NEVERTHELESS THERE MIGHT WELL HAVE TO BE SOME PLAIN TALKING BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES. I TOLD
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HIM THAT WE COULD NOT OBVIOUSLY TELL THEM HOW TO DEAL WITH THE SAUDIS, IT WAS A DECISION FOR THEMSELVES TO MAKE, BUT FLIRTING WITH THE RADICALS IN THE AREA DID NOT SEEM TO BE THE SORT OF THREAT OR PRESSURE TACTIC WHICH WOULD HELP.

5. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT WILL REALIZE THAT THIS IS NOT THE FIRST TIME I HAVE HAD THIS SORT OF CONVERSATION WITH SENIOR JORDANIANS. WHILE I THINK EFFORTS TO USE A HUSSEIN TOUR AROUND THE RADICAL WORLD TO SHAKE UP THE SAUDIS ARE PROBABLY OFF FOR THE MOMENT, DEPARTMENT SHOULD NOT DISCOUNT THE FACT THAT CONSIDERABLE JORDANIAN SUCCESS IN GETTING MONEY FROM DONORS HAS IN THE PAST DEPENDED UPON CONVINCING THE DONORS THAT A REAL THREAT WAS INVOLVED EITHER AGAINST JORDAN, ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE DONOR, OR IN AN INDIRECT WAY TO THE DONOR HIMSELF. IN THE HAWK DEAL, ALL THREE EFFORTS WERE TRIED AT VARIOUS TIMES. THE PROBLEM WITH THAT CASE IS THAT THE JORDANIANS NOW BELIEVE IT ALL CAME OUT VERY WELL. THEREFORE I DO NOT EXCLUDE AT SOME POINT, SHOULD REASONABLE CONCILIATORY EFFORTS AND OUR URGING OF

DIRECT TALKS PRODUCE NOTHING, THAT JORDANIANS MAY TRY THE
OTHER TACK.
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